



**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

**LISTING OF CLAIMS:**

1. (Currently Amended): A toner including toner particles, each toner particle comprising:  
  
a core particle formed by flocculating and fusion-bonding at least resin microparticles and colorant microparticles dispersed in a fluid dispersion; and  
  
two or more coating layers formed over the core particles,  
  
wherein at least one of said coating layers except for an outermost coating layer, contains a wax,  
  
wherein a ratio  $d/r$  between an average thickness  $d$  of the overall coating layers and a volume average particle size  $r$  of the core particles is in the range of 0.01 to 0.6, and wherein said resin microparticles comprise a resin containing a radical polymerizable monomer having an acidic group as a building block, wherein said radical polymerizable monomer having an acidic group is present in the resin in concentrations of 0.1 to 20 mass %.
2. (Previously Presented): The toner as claimed in Claim 1, wherein a resin constitutes said outermost coating layer and said resin has a glass transition point  $T_g$  of 55°C or more.
3. (Original): The toner as claimed in Claim 1, wherein a volume average particle size of said toner particles is in the range of 2 to 8  $\mu\text{m}$ .

4. (Canceled).

5. (Canceled)

6. (Original): The toner as claimed in Claim 1, wherein said ratio  $d/r$  is in the range of 0.01 to 0.1.

7. (Canceled)

8. (Original): The toner as claimed in Claim 1, wherein a content of the wax is 0.5 to 12 parts by weight based on 100 parts by weight of the resin contained in the toner particles.

9. (Original): The toner as claimed in Claim 2, wherein the resin constituting said outermost coating layer has a glass transition point  $T_g$  of 60° C or more.

10. (Original): The toner as claimed in Claim 1 wherein an average thickness  $d$  of said overall coating layers is in the range of 0.02 to 2.2  $\mu\text{m}$ .

11. (Original): The toner as claimed in Claim 10, wherein an average thickness  $d$  of said overall coating layers is in the range of 0.02 to 1  $\mu\text{m}$ .

12. (Original): The toner as claimed in Claim 1 wherein a volume average particle size of said toner particles is in the range of 2 to 5  $\mu\text{m}$ .

Claims 13. through 20. (Canceled)

21. (Previously Presented): The toner of claim 1, wherein the radical polymerizable monomer having an acidic group includes a monomer containing a carboxylic group or a sulfonic group, and at least a part of the radical polymerizable monomer having the acidic group optionally has a structure of an alkali metal salt or an alkaline earth metal salt.

22. (Previously Presented): The toner of claim 3, wherein said ratio  $d/r$  is in the range of 0.01 to 0.1.

23. (Currently Amended): The toner of claim ~~[[5]]~~ 1, wherein an average thickness  $d$  of said overall coating layers is in the range of 0.02 to 2.2  $\mu\text{m}$ .

24. (Previously Presented): The toner of claim 23, wherein an average thickness  $d$  of said overall coating layers is in the range of 0.02 to 1  $\mu\text{m}$ .

25. (Previously Presented): The toner of claim 24, wherein said ratio  $d/r$  is in the range of 0.01 to 0.3.

26. (Previously Presented): The toner of claim 1, wherein the core particles and at least one of said coating layers but for the outermost coating layer both contain a wax.